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TO AMEMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM

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SUBJECT: COMPENSATION CLAIMS FOR EXPROPRIATED US PROPERTY

REF: DAR ES SALAAM 2506 AND PREVIOUS

1. AS PER REFTEL, DEPARTMENT DELIVERED FOLLOWING NOTE
TANZANIAN EMBASSY AUGUST 16.

BEGIN TEXT: (COMPLIMENTARY OPENING) AND HAS THE HONOR TO
REFER TO THL NOTE OF MAY 10, 1976, FROM THE ACTING SECRE-
TARY OF STATE CONCERNING COMPENSATION FOR THE PROPERTIES
OF AMERICAN CITIZENS (MR. VON ZASTROW, MISS STADLER,
MISS FORBES, THE CALTEX COMPANY AND CAPTAIN MAY) WHICH
HAVE BEEN NATIONALIZED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED
REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA.

THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT CONTINUES TO BELIEVE THAT ITS
CITIZENS ARE ENTITLED TO FAIR MARKET VALUE FOR THEIR
NATIONALIZED PROPERTY AND URGES THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA TO CONTINUE ITS EFFORTS TOWARDS
A MUTUALLY SATISFACTORY SOLUTION OF THE OUTSTANDING
EXPROPRIATION CASES. AS THE AMBASSADOR IS AWARE, UNITED
STATES LAW REQUIRES THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT TO WITH-
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HOLD CERTAIN ECONOMIC BENEFITS FROM COUNTRIES NOT MAKING

REASONABLE PROGRESS TOWARDS PROMPT PAYMENT OF ADEQUATE AND EFFECTIVE COMPENSATION FOR THE NATIONALIZED PROPERTY OF AMERICAN CITIZENS.

IN MAY AND JUNE OF THIS YEAR THE UNITED STATES AMBASSADOR IN TANZANIA DISCUSSED THESE CASES WITH MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS KADUMA, MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE MALECELA AND MINISTERS OF FINANCE AND PLANNING JAMAL WITH HOPES OF EXPEDITING THE RESOLUTION OF THE PENDING CASES. AS THE AMBASSADOR HAS EXPLAINED, FUTURE UNITED STATES DEVELOPMENT AID LOANS TO TANZANIA ARE IN JEOPARDY WITHOUT FURTHER PROGRESS TOWARD THE RESOLUTION OF THE OUTSTANDING EXPROPRIATION CASES. AMBASSADOR SPAIN HAS REPEATEDLY RECEIVED ASSURANCES FROM THE VARIOUS MINISTERS THAT THESE CASES WOULD BE RESOLVED IN A SHORT TIME. FOR EXAMPLE, AFTER A MEETING IN LATE JUNE, MR. JAMAL SAID THAT HE HAD GIVEN ORDERS THAT THE COMPENSATION PROBLEMS BE ACTED ON PROMPTLY.

THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT HAS CLOSELY FOLLOWED THE STATUS OF THESE CASES, AND AT THIS TIME THE DISPUTES DO NOT APPEAR TO BE CLOSER TO RESOLUTION. THIS GOVERNMENT, HOWEVER, IS AWAITING WORD OF THE ACTIONS PROMISED BY THE TANZANIAN MINISTERS. THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT HOPES THAT THE AMBASSADOR WILL COMMUNICATE ITS CONTINUED CONCERN OVER THESE LONGSTANDING DISPUTES TO HIS GOVERNMENT AND THAT THESE DISPUTES WILL BE ACTED ON PROMPTLY SO AS NOT TO JEOPARDIZE MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL BILATERAL RELATIONS.

THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT WOULD ALSO BE PLEASED TO RECEIVE THE LATEST POSITION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF TANZANIA ON THE SPECIFIC CLAIMS DISCUSSED IN THE AMBASSADOR'S NOTE OF MARCH 30, 1976. END TEXT.

2. EMBASSY MAY PASS TEXT TO TANGOV AT ITS DISCRETION.
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